

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A method for protecting an entity from the effects of an explosion or from the effects of contact with a projectile comprising covering at least a part of said entity in a barrier comprising a water gel formed from gelatin and water wherein the concentration of gelatin in said water gel is 3 to 40% wt.
2. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the concentration of gelatin in said water gel is 5 to 25% wt.
3. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1 to protect an entity from the effects of an explosion.
4. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1 to mitigate the effects of contact with a projectile.
5. (Original) A barrier comprising a water gel layer in which said water gel comprises gelatin and water wherein the concentration of gelatin in said water gel is 3 to 40% wt and a polymer layer, a metal layer, a ceramic layer, a fabric layer, a fiberglass layer, a dilatant layer or mixtures of such layers.
6. (Original) A barrier as claimed in claim 5 comprising a dilatant layer containing a polyethylene oxide layer.
7. (Previously Presented) A barrier as claimed in claim 5 comprising a layer of fire retardant material, a layer of material impervious to chemicals, radioactivity or biological agents.

8. (Original) A barrier to protect against the effects of an explosion or the effects of contact with a projectile comprising gelatin and water, wherein the concentration of gelatin in the water is at least 3 to 40% w/w.

9.-10. (Canceled).

11. A ship or vehicle comprising a barrier as claimed in claim 5.

12.-15. (Canceled).